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Wichita, Kansas

H. C. LEONARD.....Secretary  
Houston, Texas



## CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

Year	NAME	NATIVITY	Address
1923	Powell, E. A.....	Illinois .....	Alvin, Tex.
1921	Gaskins, S. P.....	Texas .....	Flora, La.
1905	Blackstock, W. E.....	Canada .....	San Antonio, Tex.
1906	Corbin, Bruce B.....	New York.....	Lake Charles, La.
1918	Denny, J. S.....	Missouri .....	Lufkin, Tex.
1910	Ensign, F. J.....	Wisconsin.....	Jennings, La.
1910	Faulk, H. K.....	Louisiana .....	Lake Charles, La.
1891	Gower, L. E.....	Illinois .....	Lyford, Tex.
1922	Hamner, W. F.....	.....	Alamo, Tex.
1901	Harrison, W. E.....	Louisiana .....	.....
1911	Harper, G. L.....	Mississippi .....	.....
1911	Hardin, E. N.....	Kentucky .....	Keatchie, La.
1903	Hervey, J. W.....	Texas .....	Basile, La.
1902	Leonard, H. C.....	Ohio .....	Houston, Tex.
1898	Lively, J. W.....	Arkansas .....	Marshall, Tex.
1880	Loy, F. W.....	Illinois .....	Basile, La.
1920	Mann, W. C.....	Texas .....	Hallsville, Tex.
1922	Manning, S. J.....	Missouri .....	San Juan, Tex.
1922	Maund, L. V.....	Texas .....	Texas City, Tex.
1912	Perkins, C. A.....	Texas .....	Marshall, Tex.
1908	Pohl, H. H. E.....	Illinois .....	Brownsville, R.F.D. 1
1907	Pynes, R. T.....	Alabama .....	Marshall, Tex.
1886	Robinson, C. R.....	Michigan.....	Port Arthur, Tex.
1900	Rodgers, C. W.....	Iowa .....	Port Arthur, Tex.
1898	Sayers, N. L.....	Pennsylvania .....	Kinder, La.
1892	Shrode, T. J.....	Indiana .....	Loranger, La.
1890	Stokes, W. T.....	Alabama .....	Kinder, La.
1911	Swanson, R. G.....	Texas .....	Lutcher, La.
1905	Weldon, R. L.....	Louisiana .....	Welsh, La.
1912	Wynne, A. M.....	Louisiana .....	La Porte, Tex.
1901	Yockey, S. H.....	Pennsylvania .....	Ebenezer, La.
1923	Cassells, Delos.....	Mississippi .....	Gloster, Miss.
1923	Cline, F. R.....	Illinois .....	DeQuincey, La.

### PROBATIONERS

Year	NAME	NATIVITY	Address
1922	Jongema, Henry.....	Holland.....	Garrett
1921	Jones, Daniel L.....	Texas .....	Garrett



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## OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

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Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf.....	Presiding Bishop
Harry C. Leonard.....	Secretary
S. H. Yockey.....	Assistant Secretary
R. G. Swanson.....	Assistant Secretary
B. B. Corbin.....	Statistician
S. P. Gaskins.....	Assistant Statistician
W. C. Mann.....	Assistant Statistician
C. W. Rodgers.....	Treasurer
E. N. Hardin.....	Assistant Treasurer
F. J. Ensign.....	Assistant Treasurer
W. E. Blackstock.....	Auditor
E. N. Hardin.....	Assistant Auditor
R. T. Pynes.....	Conference Post Master

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## CONFERENCE BOARDS, 1923

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### DISTRICT BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND

#### CHURCH EXTENSION

##### Lake Charles District

B. B. Corbin	H. C. Marshall	E. C. Willard
R. L. Weldon		

##### Houston District

A. M. Wynne	G. E. Carter	H. H. Jones
W. C. Mann		

##### San Antonio District

H. C. Leonard	E. W. Archer	H. H. E. Pohl
C. H. Green		

### DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

Miss Dora Radike	R. T. Pynes
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### CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON FINANCE

J. W. Hervey	R. T. Pynes	E. C. Willard
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## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

## The District Superintendents

Pastors at Lake Charles, Welsh, Jennings, DeQuincey and Iowa

Mrs. D. A. Kelly	H. C. Marshall	G. M. King
E. C. Willard	J. W. Hervey	R. L. Drake
Mrs. A. F. Graham	P. W. Kiplinger	

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. W. Rogers	S. H. Yockey	H. C. Leonard
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## BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS

## To serve two years

L. E. Gower	R. L. Weldon	S. J. Manning
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## To serve three years

W. E. Blackstock	R. T. Pynes	F. J. Ensign
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## To serve one year

C. A. Perkins	J. W. Hervey	H. C. Leonard
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## DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

## The District Superintendents

L. B. Abbey	E. N. Hardin	R. G. Swanson
J. C. Abel	C. A. Perkins	J. J. Miller

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

J. W. Hervey	F. J. Ensign	B. B. Corbin
R. L. Weldon	C. W. Rodgers	W. E. Blackstock
	H. C. Leonard	

## TRIERS OF APPEALS

R. L. Weldon	H. C. Leonard	C. A. Perkins
S. H. Yockey	R. G. Swanson	C. W. Rogers

## Reserves

S. J. Manning	W. T. Stokes
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## COMMITTEES

### PUBLIC WORSHIP

Pastor and District Superintendents

### RESOLUTIONS

S. H. Yockey	H. C. Leonard	C. A. Perkins
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### MEMOIRS

R. T. Pynes	C. A. Perkins	J. W. Hervey
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### EDUCATION

F. J. Ensign	C. W. Rodgers	H. K. Faulk
C. R. Robinson	L. Power	D. H. Cassells
	J. W. Hervey	

### STATE OF THE CHURCH

J. W. Hervey	A. M. Wynne	R. L. Weldon
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### SOCIAL SERVICE

E. N. Hardin	L. V. Vaughn	S. P. Gaskins
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### BENEVOLENCE AND CENTENARY

Bruce B. Corbin	F. J. Ensign	H. C. Leonard
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### EVANGELISM

R. L. Weldon	R. T. Pynes	C. A. Perkins
J. M. Kenna	H. H. E. Pohl	

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

W. T. Stokes	R. T. Pynes	J. M. Kenna
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### EPISCOPAL FUND

District Superintendents



## CONFERENCE RELATIONS

J. W. Hervey	C. A. Perkins	R. L. Weldon
F. J. Ensign	H. C. Leonard	

## GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

R. T. Pynes	C. W. Rodgers	J. W. Hervey
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## NEGRO EDUCATION

S. H. Yockey	R. T. Pynes
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## HOME MISSIONS

B. B. Corbin	S. P. Gaskins	L. V. Maund
H. C. Leonard	A. Palmisano	

## EPWORTH LEAGUE

R. L. Weldon	S. J. Manning	J. S. Denny
	C. W. Rodgers	

## HOSPITALS AND HOMES

S. H. Yockey	W. E. Hebert	W. C. Mann
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## AFTER CENTENARY SURVEY COMMITTEE

The District Superintendents

## CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

As the charter of the Conference granted by the State of Louisiana allows the Conference to elect trustees to hold the funds raised for the Permanent Fund and by action of the Conference the Cal-cisue Bank of Lake Charles is the Trustee of this fund, the twenty-first session of the Conference elected trustees to hold all other funds. These trustees are:

For three years

H. K. Faulk	H. C. Leonard, Sec.	C. W. Rodgers
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For one year

C. R. Robinson, Pres.	C. E. Carter	S. O. Scoggins
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For two years

L. E. Gower	E. W. Archer	B. B. Corbin, Treas.
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## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline? It is in a limited way.

2. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.

3. Who have been re-admitted? Delos Cassells.

4. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? F. R. Cline, Pilgrim Holiness; E. A. Powell, United Brethren.

5. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of First Year: None.

6. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of First Year: Daniel L. Jones; Henry Jongema. (b) In studies of Second Year: None. (c) In studies of Third Year: None. (d) In studies of Fourth Year: None.

7. Who have been discontinued? None.

8. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year: S. P. Gaskins. (b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously: None.

9. What members are in the studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: S. P. Gaskins. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: J. S. Denny.

10. What members are in studies of Fourth Year: None.

11. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: A. M. Wynne. (b) Elected and ordained Elders previously: None. (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule: None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? (a) As local preachers: None. (b) Under Missionary Rule: None. (c) Under the Seminary Rule: None.

13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? (a) As local Deacons: None. (b) Under the Missionary Rule: None.

14. Was the character of each preacher examined It was as his name was called in open Conference.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? T. M. Ransom, Oklahoma.

16. Who have died? Julian Woodson.

17. Who have been located at their own request? None.

18. Who have been located? None.

19. Who have withdrawn? None.

20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.



21. Who have been expelled? None.
22. What other personal notation should be made? None.
23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? None.
24. Who are the retired ministers? G. L. Harper, J. W. Lively, N. L. Sayers, F. W. Loy, T. J. Shrode.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals? R. L. Weldon, C. A. Perkins, R. G. Swanson, H. C. Leonard, C. W. Rodgers, S. H. Yockey. Reserves: W. T. Stokes, S. J. Manning.
26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension? See Report.
27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? See Report.
28. What is the Statistical Report? See the Statistician's Report.
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report? See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. (a) What is the aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$11,957.00. (b) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? None.
31. What are the claims on the Conference funds? For Annuity Distribution, 162 years multiplied by the disciplinary rate of \$16.00 per year, \$2,592.00. For necessitous distribution, \$1,151.00. Total, \$3,743.00.
32. (a) What has been received on these claims? From the Book Concern, \$373.00; from Annual Conference investments, \$117.50; from the Chartered Fund, \$35.00; from Pastoral Charges, \$1,354.00; from the Board of Conference Claimants, \$700.00. Total, \$2,623.00. (b) How has it been applied? (See Report of Stewards).
33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants? \$2,518.00.
34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$64.00.
35. Where are the preachers stationed? (See List of Appointments).
36. Where shall the next Conference be held? Welsh. La.



## GULF CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS, 1923-24.

### HOUSTON DISTRICT

C. R. Robinson, District Superintendent  
3221 Sixth Street, Port Arthur, Texas

Alvin, Arcadia and Pearland.....	E. A. Powell
Bethel and Deadwood (P. O. Keatchie, La.).....	E. N. Hardin
Houston: Collins Memorial.....	H. C. Leonard
Hughes Springs and Winnsboro.....	(J. M. Kenna)
LaPorte.....	(A. M. Wynne)
Lufkin Circuit.....	J. S. Denny
Marshall.....	R. T. Pynes
Morgans Point.....	(J. M. Shank)
Noonday and Wesley (P. O. Hallville, Texas, R. F. D.).....	W. C. Mann
Ore City Circuit.....	(H. E. Jones)
Polk Circuit.....	(D. M. Rice)
Port Arthur.....	C. W. Rodgers
Rock Hill and Shelbyville (P. O. Beckville, Tex. R. F. D.).....	(C. H. LaGrone)
Sabine Circuit.....	To be supplied
South Houston.....	Supplied by H. C. Leonard
Texas City.....	L. V. Maund
Woodville Circuit.....	(Jno. M. Shank)
Neuville, Texas.....	(S. H. Mathews)

### LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

H. K. Faulk, District Superintendent  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Auburn and Oak Grove.....	(W. C. Roberts)
Bayou Chene.....	(Mrs. Annie Fowler)
Basile and Raymond.....	(C. E. Woodson)
DeQuincey.....	F. R. Cline
Ebenezer.....	S. H. Yockey
Elton.....	Supplied by C. A. Perkins



## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—(Continued)

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Gloster.....	D. H. Cassells
Iowa.....	Supplied by B. B. Corbin
Jennings.....	F. J. Ensign
Kinder.....	W. T. Stokes
Lake Charles.....	B. B. Corbin
Loranger.....	(J. L. Irvin)
Lutcher.....	R. G. Swanson
New Orleans: First Italian.....	(A. Palmisano)
Quitman.....	Supplied by S. P. Gaskins
Shamrock and Weaver.....	S. P. Gaskins
Sweet Lake, Gueydan and Cameron.....	(W. B. Hebert)
Welsh.....	R. L. Weldon

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## SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

L. E. Gower, District Superintendent

Lyford, Texas

Alamo.....	W. F. Hamner
El Jardin and Rangerville (P. O. Brownsville R.F.D.1).....	H. H. E. Pohl
Lyford.....	Supplied by L. E. Gower
Rio Hondo.....	(C. M. Hollett)
San Antonio: Trinity and Army Post.....	W. E. Blackstock
San Juan.....	S. J. Manning
Stuart Place.....	Supplied by S. J. Manning
Turner Tract.....	Supplied by L. E. Gower

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## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

C. A. Perkins.....	District Evangelist, Houston and Lake Charles Dists.
L. E. Gower.....	District Evangelist, San Antonio District
W. E. Harrison.....	Professor in Asbury College
J. W. Hervey.....	President of Evangeline Preparatory School

\*Supplies are in parentheses ( ).



# Journal of Daily Proceedings

## FIRST DAY

Wednesday, December 12, 1923.

The Twenty-first Session of the Gulf Annual Conference convened Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Port Arthur, Texas, with Bishop E. L. Waldorf presiding.

Hymn "Come thou Fount" was sung. After leading in prayer the Bishop called the District Superintendents and the pastor W. E. Blackstock, to take places inside the chancel and assist in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

After the Communion service the Bishop called the Conference to order and asked the Secretary of the last session to call the roll. Twenty-one answered present. Announcement was made that Julian Woodson had died. The Conference stood in memory and J. W. Hervey led in prayer.

The bar of the Conference was placed back of the fifth pew.

The following officers were elected:

Secretary, H. C. Leonard; Assistants, S. H. Yockey and R. G. Swanson; Statistician, B. B. Corbin; Assistants, S. P. Gaskins and W. C. Mann; Treasurer, C. W. Rodgers; Assistants, E. N. Hardin and F. J. Ensign; Auditor, W. E. Blackstock; Postmaster, R. T. Pynes; Reporter to Church Papers, C. W. Rodgers; Reporter to Local Papers, W. E. Blackstock and the Secretary; Agent for Methodist Review, C. A. Perkins.

The Secretary of the Cabinet, L. E. Gower, recommended and the Conference elected the following Boards and Committees (See Boards and Committees).

The Conference voted to give a seat in the Conference to L. Power.



The printed program was made the official program of the Conference.

The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint a committee on Memorials. The following were appointed: R. T. Pynes, S. H. Yockey, W. E. Blackstock.

On request of the Conference the Bishop appointed the following committee to prepare plans and rules (as to procedure) for the election of the delegates to the General Conference: B. B. Corbin and S. J. Manning.

Question twenty-five was called: Who are the Triers of Appeals? These were elected: R. L. Weldon, H. C. Leonard, C. A. Perkins, S. H. Yockey, R. G. Swanson, C. W. Rodgers. Reserves: S. J. Manning, W. T. Stokes.

Conference ordered the Secretary to edit the minutes and the same when printed to be the official record of the Conference.

A motion carried that we hold a session at two in the afternoon of this day to hear Dr. Harry Farmer of Board of Foreign Missions and Dr. W. F. Mueller of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Conference ordered that the funds left in the hands of treasurer of last year be placed as follows: \$10.75 to the Secretary and \$33.00 to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Ordered that reports be made by card system, reporting: conversions, accessions, Centenary (last year, this year), Church papers, tithers, prorated.

Under Question fifteen: Who have been transferred, and to what Conference? T. M. Ransom to Oklahoma.

Under Question fourteen: Was the character of each preacher examined? It was and in open Conference and character of all was passed.

C. R. Robinson, Superintendent of the Houston District, read his report. The following preachers reported: R. T. Pynes, C. W. Rodgers, C. A. Perkins, W. C. Mann, W. E. Blackstock, L. V. Maund, A. M. Wynne; and these supplies: J. M. Kenna, C. A. LaGrone, Price.

H. K. Faulk reported the Lake Charles District and the following reported: J. S. Denny, E. N. Hardin, S. H. Yock-



ey, B. B. Corbin, W. T. Stokes, R. G. Swanson and S. P. Gaskins; and these supplies: Delos Cassells and W. B. Herbert.

L. E. Gower reported the San Antonio District and the following reported: H. H. E. Pohl, H. C. Leonard, S. J. Manning.

Rev. C. W. Culp, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, was introduced and brought greetings from the Minister's Alliance.

Conference requested the Secretary to send greetings to T. J. Shrode.

B. B. Corbin reported \$117.00 from the Conference invested funds. Same was ordered turned over to the Board of Conference Stewards.

The Bishop reported check for \$700.00 from Board of Conference Claimants and same was placed with Board of Conference Stewards.

After the announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by H. C. Leonard.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bishop Waldorf convened the Conference at two o'clock. Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung and prayer was led by L. E. Gower.

The Secretary called the roll and eighteen answered present.

Dr. Willis Rowe presented the speakers of the afternoon.

Dr. F. W. Mueller, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the subject of the work of the Board with particular reference to the making of appropriations and the general work of the Board.

Conference confirmed the election of the Lay Conference of three trustees elected 1919.

The following trustees for Port Arthur College were confirmed:



*For one year.* R. C. Holmes, R. L. Drake, F. L. Sheeks, E. C. Willard, G. E. Carter, J. W. Williams, C. E. Herman.

*For two years.* Dr. A. W. Harris, Abe Goldberg, P. H. LaGrone, Henry Walton, G. H. Eubank, H. Henderson, W. E. Blackstock.

*For three years.* C. R. Robinson, H. K. Faulk, L. E. Gower, B. B. Corbin, E. L. Waldorf, C. W. Rodgers, G. M. King.

J. W. Hervey and F. J. Ensign were added to the Committee on Conference Relations.

J. W. Hervey was added to the Committee on Education.  
Adjourned with benediction of R. T. Pynes.

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## SECOND DAY

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Thursday, December 13, 1923.

Devotional services were conducted at 8:30.

Bishop called the Conference to order at 9:00.

Journal of the previous sessions was read, corrected and approved.

Miss Jennie C. Walker of Wuku, China, was introduced and spoke to the Conference briefly.

Question 1. Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline? It is in a limited way.

L. E. Gower reported for the Committee appointed a year ago to examine the charter.

The committee was continued and was requested to consult an attorney.

Question 2. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? None.

Question 3. Who have been re-admitted? None.

Question 16. Who have died? Julian Woodson.

Question 23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers? None.



Question 36. Where shall the next Conference be held? An invitation was read by H. K. Faulk from Welsh. R. C. Robinson proposed that we go to Texas City.

Conference voted to go to Welsh.

B. B. Corbin reported the following rules for election of delegates and alternate delegate to the General Conference and the Conference adopted the same:

It is recommended:

1. That we vote for one Ministerial delegate until there is an election by a majority of the votes cast.
2. Then that we vote for an alternate delegate until elected by a majority vote.
3. That one name only be placed on the ballot, otherwise the ballot will be defective.
4. That the election be held immediately after reading of the Journal Friday morning.

W. E. Blackstock reported for the Committee on Memorials and the Conference voted as follows:

Illinois Conference Memorial on Union—Concurred;  
Illinois Conference Memorial on Retirement of Preachers—Nonconcurred; Illinois Conference Memorial on Social Problems—Concurred.

Italian resolution: For 0; against 14.

New Jersey Memorial: For 5; against 10.

Devotional services at the close of the session were conducted by the Bishop at which time the tenth chapter of Matthew was read and testimonies given.

Adjourned with benediction by R. T. Pynes.

At the luncheon table a vote of thanks was extended the Country Club for its courteous offer of its building and grounds to the members of the Conference.

The Secretary was instructed to convey sympathy to Brother R. L. Weldon because of the serious sickness of Mrs. Weldon.

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## THIRD DAY

Friday, December 14, 1923.

At 8:30 devotions were conducted by C. W. Rodgers.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9:00.

Journal of Thursday session read and approved.

The Conference reconsidered the order of the day and adopted a motion that the election of the delegate to the General Conference immediately after the admission of members into the Conference.

The following amendment to the procedure of election was presented by B. B. Corbin and adopted: We recommend that the Bishop make a statement to the Conference explaining just who have the constitutional right to vote; that the Secretary call the roll to disclose the number of Conference members present and entitled to vote; that during the voting all not entitled to vote retire from within the bar of the Conference.

Question 4. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches?

J. W. Hervey, for the Committee on Conference Relations, recommended the following who were voted to be received into the Conference after they had satisfactorily answered the necessary Disciplinary questions:

E. A. Powell of the United Brethren Church, to be received into the Conference and orders as elder recognized.

F. R. Cline of Pilgrim Holiness Church, to be received and orders of elder recognized.

Question 9. What members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year? S. P. Gaskins admitted in full and recommended to deacon's orders. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously? J. S. Denny.

Question 3. Who have been re-admitted? Delos Casells was re-admitted, his deacon's orders recognized, passed in studies of fourth year and recommended to elder's orders.

Question 11. What members have completed the Con-



ference Course of Study? (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: A. M. Wynne, having completed the course of study, was elected to elder's orders.

Secretary read a wire from C. B. Spencer, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, conveying felicitations to the Conference. Secretary was instructed to make proper reply.

Letter was read from C. V. LaFontaine and same was referred to Committee of Conference Relations.

Letter was read from Bro. N. L. Sayers and Secretary was instructed to send greetings from the Conference.

At this time E. A. Powell, F. R. Cline, Delos Cassells and S. P. Gaskins were questioned and addressed by the Bishop and received into the Conference.

The Bishop appointed L. V. Maund and S. J. Manning tellers.

The roll was called, the Conference stood and the first ballot for delegate to the General Conference was taken.

Question 6. Who have been continued on trial? Daniel L. Jones and Henry Jongema were continued in the studies of the first year, and the request was made that they be left without appointment to attend school.

The tellers reported the first ballot; 26 votes were cast; H. K. Faulk 10; R. T. Pynes 9; others scattering. A second ballot was taken.

Question 5. Who have been received on trial? None.

Question 6. Continued (b) In studies of second year: None; (c) In studies of third year: J. S. Denny; (d) In studies of fourth year: None.

Question 7. Who have been discontinued? None.

Question 9. What members are in studies of third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year: S. P. Gaskins; (b) Admitted into full membership previously: J. S. Denny and L. V. Maund.

Tellers reported 26 votes; R. T. Pynes 12; H. K. Faulk 10; others scattering. Another ballot was taken.

The tellers immediately reported 26 votes cast; R. T.



Pynes 16; H. K. Faulk 10. R. T. Pynes was declared elected. Ballot for reserve was taken.

Question 10. What members are in studies of fourth year? None.

Question 11. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: A. M. Wynne was reported to have completed the course of study and elected to Elder's orders.

(b) Elected and ordained Elders previously: None.

(c) Elected and ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule: None.

Question 12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? (a) As local preachers: None. (b) Under Missionary Rule: None. (c) Under Seminary Rule: None.

Question 13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? (a) As local Deacons: None. (b) Under the Missionary Rule: None.

Question 17. Who have been located at their own request? None.

Question 18. Who have been located? None.

Question 19. Who have withdrawn? None.

Question 20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

Question 21. Who have been expelled? None.

Question 23. Who are Supernumerary Ministers? None.

Question 24. Who are the Retired Ministers? G. L. Harper, J. W. Lively, N. L. Sayers. Letters had been received from each. By recommendation of the Committee of Conference Relations the retired relation was granted F. W. Loy and T. J. Shrode.

The tellers received the ballot for reserve delegate and immediately reported: 23 votes cast; H. K. Faulk 14; R. L. Weldon 4; some scattering. H. K. Faulk declared elected.

At this time the Lay Electoral Conference came into the session and G. W. King, president of the Lay Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The Bishop addressed the joint session.



Dr. Willis S. Rowe representing the Committee on Conservation and Advance addressed the Conference and presented the World Service Book.

Bishop announced check for \$35.00 from the Chartered Fund, and check for \$373.00 from Book Concern. The same was received.

Dr. B. E. Smith, Superintendent of the Adult Department of the Board of Sunday Schools, was introduced and addressed the Conference in reference to our educational institutions.

After the announcements, Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

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## FOURTH DAY

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Saturday, December 15, 1923.

Devotional services were conducted at 8:30 by B. B. Corbin and at 9:00 the Bishop called the Conference to order. Journal of previous session was read and approved.

The following Board of World Service was nominated by the District Superintendents for San Antonio District: H. C. Leonard, S. J. Manning; Lake Charles District: B. B. Corbin and S. P. Gaskins; Houston District: C. W. Rodgers and W. E. Blackstock.

Conference Relation Committee reported concerning the case of Chas. V. LaFontaine and the Secretary was instructed to write him regarding the previous action of the Conference in regard to his case.

Report for Epworth League Committee was read by S. J. Manning (see reports) and same was adopted.

S. H. Yockey reported for the Committee on Hospitals and Homes (see reports). Same was adopted.

H. H. E. Pohl reported for the Committee on Evangelization (see reports). Same was adopted.



Delos Cassells reported for the Committee on Education (see reports). Same was adopted.

H. C. Leonard moved that the Conference reconsider its action of November 29, 1918, proposing certain amendments to the charter of Port Arthur College (see pages 19 and 20 of the Journal of the Sixteenth Annual Session). The motion was seconded by L. E. Gower. Carried.

W. E. Blackstock then proposed the following resolution which was adopted by the Conference:

Whereas, the Gulf Annual Conference, at its sixteenth annual session, held at Houston, Texas, on the 29th day of November, 1918, moved to change the charter of Port Arthur College by amending paragraph five of article five of the charter, and

Whereas, this action has not been consummated, therefore

We, the Gulf Annual Conference in Annual session at Port Arthur, Texas, December 12-16, 1923, move to rescind our previous action as indicated in the Gulf Annual minutes of 1918 of the Methodist Episcopal Church and so to notify the trustees of Port Arthur College.

Moved by H. C. Leonard and so ordered by the Conference that the Board of Trustees of the Gulf Conference be authorized to receive and hold and use all properties or moneys or investments or assets whatsoever not otherwise provided for by the charter, for the use of the Gulf Conference or as may be provided by the Discipline of the Church. Adopted.

J. W. Hervey reported that the trustees of Evangeline Preparatory School, in harmony with the action of the 1922 session of the Gulf Conference asking that the charter of Evangeline Preparatory School be changed so that two-thirds of the trustees of the school shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that one-half of these shall be Methodist Episcopal Ministers, the Board, in their annual meeting in June, changed their charter. This was done by an attorney, and in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.



The Board of Trustees, therefore, respectfully submit the following ministers to be elected by the Annual Conference: Bishop E. L. Waldorf; H. K. Faulk; R. L. Weldon; C. W. Rodgers; F. J. Ensign; W. B. Hebert; and Dr. C. B. Spencer. The same were elected.

The Board also presents the following trustees for approval by this Conference: H. G. Patterson, chairman; Walton McCain, secretary; S. O. Scoggins; Dr. C. M. McCain; Edward Aguiard; J. W. Fontenot; F. G. Seward; Rev. Smith; and H. H. McCain. Approved.

On motion of H. K. Faulk, the Conference ordered the trustees to sell the church at Hico, La., and cash be put in the permanent fund.

B. B. Corbin read report of the treasurer of the Conference Permanent Fund (see reports).

B. B. Corbin, for the Board of Trustees, presented the following program for increasing the Permanent Fund and the same was adopted:

It has already been ordered by the Conference that Dr. L. E. Gower, for the Trustees, consult an attorney and take steps to secure articles of incorporation so framed as to give legal status to all our corporate projects.

In addition the Conference orders:

That as soon as possible permanent funds of this conference be invested in Government, Parish or Municipal Bonds of an approved and safe type and deposited in a safe deposit box in the vaults of the Calcasieu National Bank of Lake Charles, La.

That henceforth whenever possible, the funds accruing from the sale of church property at the disposal of the Conference, be added to this fund and not be diverted to special projects.

That in all cases funds thus realized and unexpended balances be kept in the fund and disbursed only as needed, on request of the local church boards, to which the funds are assigned, as approved by the District Superintendent.

That the treasurer of the fund be instructed to prepare pledge blanks and estate note forms and place a number in the hands of all ministers and District Superintendents.



That this year a special effort be made, if practicable during the month of January, to add to the permanent fund. That in addition to the efforts of the pastor, we ask each District Superintendent to keep this matter before the officials of their churches and that they present the claim of the fund at at least one service during the year and solicit subscriptions and take an offering for the purpose.

That we seek to increase the fund to \$10,000 by the date of our next annual conference.

That all funds collected be sent to the treasurer of the Investment Fund, Rev. Bruce B. Corbin, Lake Charles, La., for investment and that conference vouchers be forwarded to each pastor sending the same.

That the necessary expense involved be paid from the funds collected and an itemized report be made to the next annual conference.

That a canvass be made of the pastors seeking a voluntary contribution equal to one per cent of their cash salary.

That Mr. S. A. Knapp, Vice-President of the Calcasieu National Bank, be continued as official financial agent for the fund and with the treasurer sign all orders and checks.

BRUCE B. CORBIN,

Treasurer Gulf Conference Investment Fund.

J. W. Hervey made the report for the Board of Conference Stewards (see report). Same was adopted.

Questions 31, 32, 33 and 34 were called (see Disciplinary questions).

W. E. Blackstock reported for the Auditing Committee. Adopted.

Ordered that all reports next year be put in hands of the auditor first.

Ordered that each member of the Conference pay  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% of cash support to publish the Journal and pay deficit of \$48 in Secretary's account.

Ordered that the pastor call attention of their charges to this assessment and put it in the budget.

Conference adjourned to the dining room.



B. B. Corbin read report of the Statistician (see report). Adopted.

C. W. Rodgers read report of the Treasurer (see report). Adopted.

Conference requested that C. A. Perkins be appointed evangelist for the Houston and Lake Charles Districts and L. E. Gower for the San Antonio District; that J. W. Hervey be appointed to presidency of Evangeline Preparatory School and that W. E. Harrison be left without appointment to teach in Asbury College.

In order to establish the record of N. L. Sayers and to authorize the Bishop to restore his lost parchments, N. L. Sayers was recognized as deacon and elder.

Surplus in hands of treasurer ordered paid into the Necessitous Fund.

Adjourned until Sunday night.

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## SUNDAY.

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At 9:30 Love Feast was conducted by B. B. Corbin.

The Bishop preached at the eleven o'clock service from I Cor. III:21. "All things are yours." The message was a masterful presentation of the wealth of the Christian.

At 2:30 Memorial Services were held honoring the memory of Julian Woodson who had died during the year. Messages were given by L. E. Gower, H. K. Faulk and C. R. Robinson and R. T. Pynes.

Immediately after this service the Bishop convened the Conference and S. P. Gaskins was ordained deacon and A. M. Wynne and Delos Cassells, elders.

H. C. Leonard presented the following memorial which was adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas, the Southern German and the Gulf Annual Conferences in Texas and Louisiana cover almost the same fields, and



Whereas, there could be marked economy in money and time and decidedly more influence and efficiency, therefore,

We, the members of the Gulf Annual Conference, do hereby memorialize the General Conference to enable the Gulf Annual Conference to unite with the Conference now known as the Southern German Conference.

A motion prevailed that the powers that be, set the date of the Conference not later than the second week in November.

S. H. Yockey read resolutions. Adopted (see reports).

Report of Board of Home Missions adopted (see reports).

Matter of per cent of educational collections coming to local educational institutions be left to the Committee on Education with power to act.

Adjourned.

At the close of the evening service, the Bishop read the appointments and thus adjourned.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY That I have read the Journal of the Twenty-first Session of the Gulf Annual Conference, and the same is a true and accurate record of its actions and proceedings.

HARRY C. LEONARD, Secretary.



## REPORT OF DISTRICTS

### REPORT OF HOUSTON DISTRICT.

C. R. Robinson, District Supt.

The past year has been one of fair progress on Houston district. All the preachers went to their appointments but not all endured to the end.

John Jongema left Alvin to go to Garrett Biblical Institute, a most commendable change for a young man to make. Next to entering the ministry the most hopeful sign is when it is announced concerning a young preacher that he is left without appointment to attend one of our schools. E. A. Powell has supplied Alvin since the pastor left.

Henry Rye found school teaching and preaching too strenuous, so gave himself to teaching and S. H. Mathews finished the year.

The home of pastor C. H. LaGrone was saddened by the loss of a son who was just coming to manhood with a marked Christian character.

One of our veterans, Julian Woodson, was called home during the year. Though feeble, Brother Woodson was zealous for the church to the last. It was a benediction to be with him. The triumphant note was always in evidence. In him it was most true that "Those also serve who only stand and wait."

Revivals have blessed most of the charges, Lufkin, Sabine, Texas City, Jefferson, Noonday and Center Grove being the outstanding points. Collins Memorial had a fine ingathering of young people as a result of following the program of "Win My Chum Week." The more I see of the effect of following suggestions offered by our Boards the more I am convinced that they are far superior to the hit and miss affairs used as substitutes.

Special emphasis has been laid upon work among young people and children, resulting in Epworth League and Cradle Roll activities. On charge where the members of the Cradle Roll had been carried so long they had about reach-



ed marriageable age, was taken in hand by a mother of 3 small children who did her own work, and in four months the membership was increased from fourteen to sixty-five. It is a distinct loss when a pastor and people get so absorbed in the "Big Meeting" idea that they do not care for childhood. It is quite the style to put on night gowns and masks and hunt Roman Catholics, but the fact is if the Protestant Church was as careful to educate her children as is the Roman Catholic Church, we would be so strong as not to consider that church a menace.

Several churches have abandoned the wheezy organ that has been on duty for a quarter of a century, and have substituted new pianos, much to the delight of the young people.

The Epworth League Institute at LaPorte was held with increased efficiency owing to the help of E. A. Peterson and wife. A marked fruit of the institute was the Church Epworth League Institutes following the one at LaPorte. In these the regular course was followed and credits given. These young people are perpetuating the slogan "Conservation and Advance." Large things are planned for the institute idea next year.

When President Callahan of Port Arthur College left, the trustees elected Leonard Power, a layman of our Church, to the Presidency. He is a Texas product and a school man of experience. In six months he has doubled the attendance and is paying expenses for the first time in the history of the school.

The most prominent improvement in church property is the new church built at Rosedale on the Woodville charge. Pastor Wynne and his people are to be congratulated on their victory won over the world, the flesh and the devil.

The debt on the parsonage at Noonday has been paid. That on Collins Memorial has been reduced.

LaPorte and Texas City have papered and painted their parsonages while LaPorte has made the church building very attractive by the use of paint and carpenter work. The Ladies Aid at Bethel on the Deadwood charge still live



in hopes that the paint mentioned in last year's report will be applied to the parsonage where it is greatly needed.

There are some points on the district where a forward step would be possible could a little outside aid be obtained. A church and parsonage on the Sabine charge, a church on the Polk circuit and an addition to the Pearland church are most urgent.

It gives me pleasure to state that our Board of Home Missions is taking an active interest in these enterprises.

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### LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

Haughton K. Faulk, District Supt.

There have been only the following changes in the appointments during the year: T. J. Shrode was compelled, on account of his health, to leave the work at Loranger in the early summer. He is now with his daughter at Willowbrook, California, unable to come to conference. He sends his love to the Bishop and to all the brethren. J. L. Irvin, a supply of Colorado, has finished out the year at Loranger. W. I. Gates refused to go to his appointment at Iowa. The work there has been carried on by B. B. Corbin satisfactorily to every one concerned.

The co-operation, the kindness, and the generosity of the men of the district have been so generous during this year that superlatives only would express our appreciation.

There has been an increase in church attendance; also a general increase in Sunday School attendance.

Last year the district made the gain of forty-four per cent in missionary offerings. This was thought to be the highest water mark of benevolent giving. It was the largest amount the district had ever given, up to that time. Yet the district this year goes over the giving of last year with an increase of twenty-five per cent. Only six charges in the district report a loss over last year. There has been made this year a six per cent increase in church membership.



The program of evangelism has been carried on in nearly every charge. The men of the district who have assisted in this program outside of their own churches and have done splendid work are: B. B. Corbin, R. L. Weldon, and C. E. Woodson.

The Evangeline Preparatory School has made marked progress. The school with its fine corps of teachers is doing an excellent piece of educational and evangelistic work among the French people of Louisiana.

The church at Lake Charles has made substantial material improvement and at the same time has increased its Centenary offering and also the local budget. The Welsh church has the credit of having paid their Centenary in full for the five years and having paid everything else in full. The church at Kinder has had the greatest comparative people for their gain in missionary offering, having had an increase of 400 per cent. The district is handicapped in its missionary work among the French, Italian, and people of backward communities for lack of prepared workers and funds.

With gratitude to God for His mercies, and with appreciation to all who have so gladly and cordially co-operated in the work this year, I respectfully submit this report.

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### SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

L. E. Gower, District Supt.

Bishop E. L. Waldorf and Brethren of the Conference:

It is with supreme thanksgiving to God and very great appreciation of this Conference and its President for the marked and constant help that made possible the achievements noted herein, that I submit this partial record of the year now closing.

With the exception of Rio Hondo, every work on the district has had the attention of the Pastor appointed to it a year ago. Rev. O. E. Johnson, who was appointed to this could not be relieved of work which he had charge of



and the district superintendent had to serve as "supply" for several weeks. Rev. C. H. Campbell of San Antonio was later given charge and served well until he was compelled, by sickness of his wife, to retire from the field and give constant attention to her. In March, Rev. C. M. Hollett, also of San Antonio, was secured and placed in charge; his reports show an increase along all lines of Sunday School and church work. All our work here is done in the school house. A modern community building, one which will provide for every feature of community and denominational church life is greatly needed and is our aim, for our pastor is the Pastor of the Community Church also, and we are committed to a community program, and the future success of the Kingdom of God seems assured.

In harmony with a request of the chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee of the People's Church at San Juan, to secure for that church a pastor of certain qualities, Rev. S. J. Manning was appointed to San Juan; he was to receive the major portion of his support from this People's Church and serve the community as a whole. On arrival, he learned that there had been others considered as possible pastors, that plans had matured that called for a vote of the church on a particular minister as a prospective pastor and that that vote was due to be taken on the following Sunday. It was taken and the candidate was elected to be the pastor.

Confronted by this unexpected and unusual situation, the district superintendent advised our Bro. Manning to rent a house and care for the few members that had come to us and desired our service, and await developments. This he did. Weeks passed, surveys were made, letters and telegrams exchanged by interested parties, until plans matured and through the help of the Department of Evangelism of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in co-operation with the Board, Bishop Waldorf being an active factor, we secured a tent, and in the early spring held a series of meetings in it, Rev. C. A. Perkins helping for ten days. Following the "tent meeting", regular Sun-



day School and church services were held in the tent for several weeks. The membership of both the Sunday School and church continued to grow; interest in our cause also grew rapidly. Having a conviction that we had responsibilities here, we secured lots on which to build and began work on a Sunday School and community house of the California type, one that we thought we might pay for and that would best serve our cause for the time. We built, and have as a plant, a building with an assembly room 28x32 feet, and six Sunday School class rooms 10x12 feet each, and by the aid given by our Board of Church Extension from the Reconstruction Funds, \$1500.00, we have it all paid for.

We have developed here during this year a Sunday School of seventy, an active Epworth League, a Brotherhood, a Ladies Aid Society, and a church which promises to soon become one of the very active organizations of the Gulf Conference.

Trinity Church, San Antonio, conducted one of the most outstanding revival campaigns on the district. During a three weeks' effort, the membership of the church took on much new life and discovered their strength in a large way. The additions during the year were 68 and among those received are to be found some of the outstanding men and women of the city. This is one among the great years of Trinity.

Statistics, when compiled, will show a net increase in membership of about 25 per cent, in Sunday Schools, 20 per cent; we will not show an increase in benevolences, but this is due to the fact of an "I Will Maintain" offering made in favor of Lyford last year which could not be had this year.

The year closes well, and the conditions for further development are favorable; our every pastor is happy and the churches optimistic; the entire district stands ready to help enter the open fields and build the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. E. GOWER.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Since its inception, this conference has depended largely upon the assistance of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for support enabling the entering and maintenance of work in needy fields. Today numbers of our strong, self-supporting churches prove the wisdom of this procedure.

Other like possibilities confront us. Also, there are fields without glowing prospects where Methodism alone is giving spiritual leadership. For these grants in aid of our work we are profoundly grateful.

We deeply appreciate the interest and co-operation of Dr. F. W. Mueller, representative of the Board, who has given careful, personal supervision to this work. His familiarity with our needs and his impartial intercession and advice have been invaluable. We rejoice at his presence at this session of the Gulf Conference.

Already the results of the far-sighted statesmanship of our Bishop, E. L. Waldorf, in encouraging the entering of newly opening fields are being evidenced. New churches with their increasing membership and attractive properties are enhancing the value and service of our Methodism.

We are proud of the efforts within our territory in behalf of the Italians of New Orleans and for the upbuilding of the French people through our school at Basile. We urge increasing support for both of these projects.

We urge all of our pastors to be alert to seize opportunities to promote Christian Americanization within the bounds of their charges.

Committee.

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## EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

We recommend in all of our churches that:

1. Special attention be placed upon the thorough organization of our Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues.

2. We give special attention to Stewardship and Mission Study classes.

3. We observe 24-hour-day plan, Win My Chum Week and morning watch.

4. We recommend that the Epworth League Institutes be held at Lake Arthur, La. and LaPorte, Texas.

We, as pastors, pledge our most sincere co-operation.

S. J. MANNING,

J. S. DENNY.

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HOSPITALS AND HOMES.

We are grateful to God and the church for these great institutions, hospitals and homes, to help the needy, and train helpers to assist humanity in body, soul and spirit—homes to care for the old and nurture the young.

We have in the bounds of our great church eighty-one hospitals, forty-four homes for children, and eleven other institutions, with a total value, including endowments, of \$40,000,000.

During the last three years more than \$16,000,000 has been added to these properties and endowments. •

We recommend that all our pastors and churches co-operate with these great institutions for the betterment of humanity.

S. H. YOCKEY,

W. C. MANN,

R. G. SWANSON.

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NEGRO EDUCATION.

The problem of the races is the problem of the church, and the negro furnishes a large part of that problem.

To the solution of this problem must be given our best



efforts. The negro must be educated, and we must help do it.

The past experiences and expenditures are well justified in the results obtained. Therefore, we recommend that the church continue its program of Christian education.

S. H. YOCKEY,  
R. T. PYNES.

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Gulf Conference deeply appreciates the blessings of God and the leadership of the Holy Ghost in the Educational work of the Church. The general board has given out much valuable data, too voluminous to include in this report, but for which we are very thankful.

Of special significance is the report of Porth Arthur College and its condition at present. We rejoice it is now self-sustaining. We likewise appreciate the noble work of Evangeline Preparatory School located at Basile, La. We ask that it be more liberally supported by the Board of Education. The school is now largely sustained by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, but it is not the policy of the Board to continue this support. The Gulf Conference goes on record as deeply interested and sympathetic to the work the Educational Board is doing in the South for the negro.

We call the pastors' attention to the deficit of last year of the Loan Fund. This lack of funds compelled rejection of many applications for aid. This is one of the most worthy parts of the work of the Educational Board.

The Methodist Church shall ever be abreast the age because we shall place proper emphasis on the instruction of its youth. Efficiency is bred alone in the tutored heart and brain. The church stands for the culture of head, culture of heart and culture of hand.

C. W. RODGERS,  
D. H. CASSELLS.

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## COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The department of Evangelism is the most important in the church. Realizing that "reformation is needed only when formation has failed," we urge the conservation of child life by following the methods of Jesus as an Evangelist with children.

God expects us to accept a responsibility as well as an experience.

We recommend the use of tents and the exchange of service in evangelistic work by neighboring pastors.

The parish of Methodism is the world.

RUSSELL T. PYNES,  
R. L. WELDON,  
H. H. E. POHL.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, organized two years ago, has done exceedingly good work, and are beginning to get an insight into the many and varied interests of the Society. They have to present as the officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. C. R. Robinson, Port Arthur, Texas; Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Hervey, Basile, La.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Willard, Welsh, La.; Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Leonard, 1009 Harvard St., Houston, Texas; Secretary of Young Peoples' Work, Miss Leona Abbott, 1022 Blanco St., San Antonio; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. H. K. Faulk, Lake Charles, La.; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. S. J. Manning, San Juan, Texas.

This Society asks the support of the ministers of the Conference in reaching the goal of the Area; an Auxiliary in every charge; every Methodist woman interested in the work; an offering to be taken in every charge some time during the year whether there is an Auxiliary in the charge or not.

They also ask that the Gulf Conference co-operate in the work, in which the Wichita Area is taking especial interest, the dormitory principal for French Acadian girls at Basile, La.



## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Gulf Conference held at Port Arthur, December 12-16, 1923, Mrs. E. A. Briggles of 1022 Blanco Road, San Antonio, Texas, was nominated Conference Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. L. G. Williamson, 822 W. Agarita Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, Corresponding Secretary of the San Antonio District; Mrs. C. W. Rodgers, 1701 Proctor St., Port Arthur, Houston District; and Mrs. Hamilton, DeQuincey, La., of the Lake Charles District.

Bureau of Supplies, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Polk, 406 Fraternity Bldg., Lincoln, Nebraska. Official Publication, Woman's Missionary Friend at 60 cents. Publication address, 581 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. Topeka Branch Herald at 15 cents, 1522 W. 8th St., Topeka, Kansas.

We appreciate the privilege of attending your Conference, and enjoyed the fine program, and understand as never before the great work you are doing and the burdens you are carrying.

We want to thank the pastors of the Gulf Conference for their hearty co-operation in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and we ask their support in getting an Auxiliary in every charge. May we unite our efforts to carry the Gospel to both men and women for the girls must be educated as well as the boys, and the women must be reached as well as the men if we would have the Christian homes we are trying to make.

(Signed) MRS. E. A. BRIGGLES,  
Sec'y. and Treas.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

Again the Gulf Conference has been royally entertained by the members and friends of our Church in Port Arthur. We express special appreciation to Brother Blackstock and the ladies of the Church.

We have been highly favored by the representatives of the Boards, Drs. B. E. Smith, Willis S. Rowe, F. W. Mueller, Harry Farmer and R. A. Hunt.

We recognize the faithful reports appearing in the local papers.

Our beloved Bishop has held our Conference for the fourth consecutive time. His leadership has brought marked success to the Wichita Area and especially in this Conference. There have been marked gains all along the line. His administration has been brotherly and masterful, therefore we respectfully request the General Conference to return Bishop E. L. Waldorf to the Wichita Area for another quadrennium.

S. H. YOCKEY,  
C. A. PERKINS,  
H. C. LEONARD.



## Statement of the Gulf Conference Investment Fund

Rev. B. B. Corbin, Treasurer.

Lake Charles, La., December 11, 1923.

Principal of Fund, December, 1922.....\$1,210.00

Receipts during the year:

From Rev. J. A. Carruth..... 10.00

From sale of War Savings Stamps, Kinder,  
La. .... 17.00

From Rev. B. B. Corbin, Summit, Miss.,  
Auburn Church..... 100.00

\*From Rev. E. N. Hardin, DeQuincey, La..... 1,000.00

Total.....\$2,337.00

Paid to First M. E. Church, DeQuincey, La..... 560.00

Balance.....\$1,777.00

*The funds are held as follows:*

Invested in 1st Mortgage Securities @ 7%.....\$1,100.00

Deposited in Savings Account Calcasieu Nat'l.

Bank of La., at Lake Charles, La. @ 4%..... 677.00

Total.....\$1,777.00

\*The \$1,000 received in this fund for DeQuincey is  
only temporary and to be paid out as needed  
for completion of their building.

This leaves the investment fund as follows:

Investment fund (permanent).....\$1,337.00

1st M. E. Church, DeQuincey (temporary).... 440.00

Total.....\$1,777.00

### *Statement of Interest Received.*

12- 9-22 J. E. Pitre, et als.....\$ 6.75

2-21-23 Interest Public Service Co..... 35.00

4- 5-23 T. S. Bennett, interest..... 3.73

6- 6-23 Greer Bros., interest..... 3.44

6-30-23 Interest on savings account..... 12.27

8-20-23 Interest Jennings Utilities Co..... 35.00

10- 3-23 Interest T. S. Bennett..... 3.50

12-10-23 Interest on savings account..... 17.79

Out exchange to cover interest collected..\$ 117.48



## REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS

### RECEIPTS

From Gulf Conference Permanent Fund.....	\$ 117.50
From Methodist Book Concern.....	373.00
From Chartered Fund.....	35.00
From Board of Conference Claimants.....	700.00
From Annual Conference Collections.....	1354.00
Balance on hand from last year.....	43.50
Total.....	<u>\$2623.00</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Geo. L. Harper.....	\$ 225.00
J. W. Lively.....	250.00
N. L. Sayers.....	350.00
F. W. Loy.....	378.00
T. J. Shrode.....	300.00
Mrs. Chaney.....	250.00
Mrs. Ferguson.....	150.00
Mrs. N. H. Oliver.....	275.00
Mrs. Van Valkenburg.....	175.00
Mrs. J. Woodson.....	260.00
The Ferguson children.....	9.00
Total.....	<u>\$2622.00</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$ 1.00

The Board recommends that \$2518.00 be apportioned to the charges for this year for Conference Claimants.

J. W. HERVEY, Chairman,  
L. E. GOWER, Secretary.



## PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

Board of Examiners: H. C. Leonard, Chairman; J. W. Hervey, Registrar; C. W. Rodgers, F. J. Ensign, R. L. Weldon, B. B. Corbin, W. E. Blackstock.

### ADMISSIONS ON TRIAL.

1. Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1920, with special reference to the Articles of Religion. (For a good commentary on these, see Wheeler, Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the Methodist-Episcopal Church).....J. W. Hervey
2. American History—James & Sanford.....W. E. Blackstock
3. Life of Wesley—Winchester.....R. L. Weldon
4. (a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley.....C. W. Rodgers  
(b) Selections from the Writings of John Wesley—Welch.....C. W. Rodgers
5. A Bible Biography. The candidate shall be prepared to write a paper of not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible: The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus, as recorded by Mark, The Life of Paul, as given in Acts. The subject to be written upon will be assigned at the time of the examination.....F. J. Ensign
6. A written sermon.....B. B. Corbin
7. Directions and Helps for the Examination for Admission on Trial.....B. B. Corbin

All papers submitted by the candidate shall be examined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This rule shall apply throughout the course.

### COURSE OF STUDY FOR FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History—Rall.....J. W. Hervey
2. Evangelism—Hannan.....R. L. Weldon
3. The Making of the Sermon—Pattison.....B. B. Corbin
4. The Art of Writing English—Brown and Barnes.....C. W. Rodgers



5. Human Behavior—Colvin and Bagley.....R. L. Weldon
6. Directions and Helps for the First Year....B. B. Corbin

*Collateral Reading and Study:*

1. The Pastor-Preacher—Quayle.....B. B. Corbin
2. Citizenship and Moral Reform—Langdale..B. B. Corbin
3. The Main Points—Brown.....W. E. Blackstock
4. Francis Ashbury—Tipple.....H. C. Leonard
5. Wesley's Sermons—Vol. 1.....C. W. Rodgers

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COURSE OF STUDY FOR SECOND YEAR.

1. (a) Dictionary of the Bible (1 Vol. Edition)—  
Hastings.....J. W. Hervey
- (b) The Bible in the Making—Smyth.....J. W. Hervey
2. History of the Christian Church—Walker (Omitting  
pages 1-41).....R. L. Weldon
3. (a) The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle...B. B. Corbin
- (b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Prac-  
tice—Meyer.....B. B. Corbin
4. The Christian Pastor—Gladden.....C. W. Rodgers
5. Directions and Helps for the Second Year..B. B. Corbin

*Collateral Reading and Study:*

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament—Eiselen  
.....H. C. Leonard
2. How to Teach Religion—Betts.....W. E. Blackstock
3. (a) The Church in the City—Leete, or  
   (b) The Country Church Serving the Community—  
Earp.....R. L. Weldon
4. History of Methodism (Vol. 1)—Stevens...J. W. Hervey
5. Life of Luther—McGiffert.....J. W. Hervey
6. Wesley's Sermons—Vol. II.....C. W. Rodgers

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COURSE OF STUDY FOR THIRD YEAR.

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudson.....B. B. Corbin
2. Foundation of Christian Belief—Strickland  
.....J. W. Hervey
3. Introduction to the Study of Sociology—Hayes  
.....F. J. Ensign



4. The Religions of Mankind—Soper.....R. L. Weldon
5. Neely's Parliamentary Practice.....C. W. Rodgers
6. Directions and Helps for the Third Year...B. B. Corbin

*Collateral Reading and Study:*

1. Studies in Christianity—Bowne.....W. E. Blackstock
2. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction—  
.....C. W. Rodgers
3. History of Methodism (Vol. II)—Stevens..J. W. Hervey
4. Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition)—Allen  
.....J. W. Hervey
5. Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope—Rall  
.....B. B. Corbin
6. The Methodist Review.....F. J. Ensign

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COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE FOURTH YEAR.

1. Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.....J. W. Hervey
2. System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon (omitting Part  
1 and Appendix).....B. B. Corbin
3. The Five Great Philosophies of Life—Hyde  
.....W. E. Blackstock
4. The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II)—Smith.....F. J. Ensign
5. Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year..B. B. Corbin

*Collateral Reading and Study:*

1. Missionary Morale—Miller.....B. B. Corbin
  2. Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke...C. W. Rodgers
  3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell  
.....H. C. Leonard
  4. History of Methodism (Vol. III)—Stevens  
.....J. W. Hervey
  5. The Methodist Review.....F. J. Ensign
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## REGULATIONS.

1. No less than ten questions for examination in each study shall be prepared by each examiner, and as many copies of these questions as the Chairman shall need shall be sent to him two weeks before the date of examination.

2. All examinations shall be in writing and in the presence of witnesses if practicable.

3. Examination papers shall be graded on the basis of subject matter, use of English and assignment of written work.

4. The examination shall be graded on the scale of 100 and 70 per cent is the minimum passing grade.

5. Each examiner shall report all grades promptly to the Registrar.

6. Each examiner shall give instruction by correspondence, and see that the assignments of written work, both of the regular text books and of the collateral books be done satisfactorily.

7. No equivalent for any subject in the course of study will be accepted, except on certificate signed by the President or Registrar of the College where subject was taken, and stating time when subject was pursued.

8. The wise student will get in touch at once with his examiner.



## CONFERENCE SESSIONS

### GULF MISSION

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.....	E. C. Andrews..	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La.....	J. M. Walden...	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Crowley, La.....	Thos. Bowman..	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.....	J. N. Fitzgerald.	C. K. Woodson

### GULF MISSION CONFERENCE

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.....	J. M. Walden....	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.....	W. X. Ninde....	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La.....	S. M. Merrill....	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Tex.....	I. W. Joce.....	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.....	H. W. Warren....	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.....	C. D. Foss.....	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Tex.....	W. F. Mallalieu.	C. C. Morris

### GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1904	Feb. 4	Hughes Springs, Tex.....	W. F. Mallalieu.	J. Paul
1905	Feb. 2	Gloster, Miss.....	H. Spellmeyer...	F. F. Fitch
1905	Dec. 1	Welsh, La.....	L. B. Wilson....	W. E. Harrison
1906	Nov. 15	Marshall, Tex.....	L. B. Wilson....	J. R. Basket
1907	Dec. 16	Jennings, La.....	William Burt...	J. R. Basket
1908	Dec. 16	Lake Charles, La.....	W. A. Quayle...	J. R. Basket
1909	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Tex.....	T. B. Neely....	J. R. Basket
1910	Dec. 15	Welsh, La.....	T. B. Neely....	H. H. McCain
1911	Dec. 15	Marshall, Tex.....	T. B. Neely....	H. H. McCain
1912	Dec. 19	Port Arthur, Tex.....	W. P. Thirkield.	H. H. McCain
1913	Dec. 4	Woodville, Tex.....	W. P. Thirkield.	H. H. McCain
1914	Dec. 2	Jennings, La.....	W. P. Thirkield.	J. R. Basket
1915	Dec. 7	Port Arthur, Tex.....	W. P. Thirkield.	J. R. Basket
1916	Dec. 7	DeRidder, La.....	W. O. Shepard..	J. W. Hervey
1917	Nov. 29	Hughes Springs, Tex.....	W. P. Thirkield.	J. W. Hervey
1918	Nov. 27	Houston, Tex.....	Chas. B. Mitchell	H. C. Leonard
1919	Nov. 26	Lake Charles, La.....	W. P. Thirkield.	H. C. Leonard
1920	Dec. 8	Houston, Tex.....	E. L. Waldorf...	H. C. Leonard
1921	Dec. 7	Port Arthur, Tex.....	E. L. Waldorf...	H. C. Leonard
1922	Dec. 13	San Antonio, Tex.....	E. L. Waldorf...	H. C. Leonard
1923	Dec. 12	Port Arthur, Tex.....	E. L. Waldorf...	H. C. Leonard



MEMOIR OF  
REV. JULIAN WOODSON

Rev. Julian Woodson was one of the very early members of the "Gulf Mission" of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For long years he was an active and devout minister and pastor. His earthly life closed April 29, 1923, at his home in the city of Marshall, Texas. His end was peace.

When a small child, Julian Woodson was brought to Texas from Tennessee. At eighteen he entered the Confederate Army. In 1879, he was found teaching a pioneer school in West Texas by Dr. J. W. Lively. He was truly converted and entered the Methodist Church, and later the ministry. He served various charges and his name is sacred in many homes.

Brother Woodson leaves a faithful wife, four children, two sons and two daughters. His son, Rev. Charles Woodson, is one of our best pastors in another Conference. For ten years Brother Julian Woodson was feeble and frail in body, but his trust in God, his meek spirit and devoted life, left even a saintliness about his home.

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ROLL OF OUR HONORED DEAD

"They rest from their labors and  
their works do follow them."

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MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

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WALTER ZIMMERMAN  
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N. H. OLIVER  
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W. R. NEWTON  
JULIAN WOODSON



## JOURNAL OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

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The Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Annual Conference met in regular session in the church at Port Arthur, Texas, at 9 a. m., December 14th, 1923.

Organization: Geo. W. King was elected chairman and Dr. J. W. Vogan, Secretary.

The following constituted the Committee on Credentials: H. G. Patterson, S. O. Scoggins and Mrs. H. H. E. Pohl.

This committee reported the following accredited delegates: Geo. W. King, Lake Charles; J. C. Hall, Hughes Springs, Texas; Henry Walton, Elton, Texas; W. W. Tuck, DeQuincey, La.; Dr. J. W. Vogan, Alvin, Texas; H. G. Patterson, Kinder, La.; Mrs. S. J. Manning, San Juan, Texas; Mrs. L. E. Gower, Lyford, Texas; Mrs. W. H. Oliver, Basile, La.; Mrs. Nettie R. Pohl, El Jardin, Texas; Mrs. M. A. Sharp, Iowa, Texas; J. W. House, Texas City, Texas; Robert Hockett, Sweet Lake, La.; Hiram Huffpower, Ebenezer, La.; A. D. Peoples, Houston, Texas; F. E. Dickaed, Noonday, Texas; W. J. Alixonder, Deadwood, Texas; S. O. Scoggins, Welsh, La.; Mrs. E. A. Briggles, San Antonio, Texas; L. Power, Porth Arthur, Texas.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the request of the Bishop and the Annual Conference the Lay Conference voted to meet at 10:30 the following day with the Gulf Annual Conference.

Memorials considered.

The Gulf Conference Memorial on Lay Representation, was adopted by a vote of 19-0.

The Italian Memorial was not received by a vote of 9-7.



A statement and memorial on Union presented to the Quarterly Conference of Alvin and Pearland, voicing approval of the present plan before the two churches, provided no backward step would be taken on the traditional stand of our church, and provided further that it would not tend to the absorption of our work into the Southern Department, conditioned, however on the attitude of the Southern Jurisdiction relative to the race question, was approved by a vote of 19-0.

Illinois Conference Memorial on Union not received by vote of 9-7.

All other memorials were not received.

Election of Lay Delegates and Reserve. E. C. Willard, having received the majority vote, was declared elected, and Mrs. Nettie R. Pohl, having received the next highest, was unanimously elected reserve delegate.

On motion duly made and seconded, our delegate was instructed to vote for the re-election of Dr. C. B. Spencer as editor of the Central Christian Advocate and Dr. Brummitt as editor of the Epworth Herald.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that we, the Lay Electoral Conference of the Gulf Annual Conference, hereby express our appreciation for the kind and bountiful hospitality provided for us by the Ladies Aid and the members and friends of the church at Port Arthur.

Adjourned.

GEO. W. KING, Chairman,  
DR. J. W. VOGAN, Secretary.



**STATISTICAL TABLES AND TREASURER'S  
REPORT---GULF CONFERENCE---1923**

B. B. CORBIN, Statistician

C. W. RODGERS, Treasurer



**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, GULF CONFERENCE, 1923**  
**HOUSTON DISTRICT**

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	HOUSTON DISTRICT											
	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars of all Grades not including Home Dept. or Cradle Roll	Home Dept.	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollments in all Departments	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers & Teachers who are Church or Prep. Members	Scholars, inc. Home Dept. who are Church or Prep. Members	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	Paid by S. S. to Cen- tenary & Apportioned Benevolences	S. S. Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Alvin and Arcadia.....	12	32	132	7	22	151	95	25	20	63	156	44
Bethel and Deadwood.....	1	17	168	16	71	188	144	17	121	90	44	1084
Collins Memorial.....	1	42	461	16	10	590	260	41	242	46	220	150
Fughes Springs and Wynnshoro.....	4	23	200	12	10	245	150	23	173	8	73	106
La Porte.....	1	24	104	21	30	179	87	24	75	7	8	116
Lufkin Circuit.....	3	26	149	.....	.....	175	105	26	100	14	67	52
Marshall.....	1	16	119	.....	30	165	73	16	52	7	20	30
Morgans Point.....	1	7	60	.....	.....	67	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Noonday and Wesley.....	1	12	88	.....	.....	100	75	12	60	8	.....	561
Ore City Circuit.....	2	10	90	.....	.....	100	60	10	30	.....	.....	40
Polk Circuit.....	.....	33	242	20	48	343	179	29	158	14	256	27
Port Arthur.....	3	18	102	.....	.....	120	75	18	75	5	.....	147
Rock Hill and Shelbyville.....	3	12	100	.....	.....	112	90	12	.....	.....	.....	138
Sabine Circuit.....	2	21	151	23	30	224	120	19	37	12	52	40
South Houston and Pearland.....	1	10	150	.....	15	175	110	9	75	4	65	2719
Texas City.....	1	4	32	.....	.....	36	24	4	15	.....	.....	.....
Woodville Circuit.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	29	298	2348	99	256	2950	1687	283	1233	161	970	.....



**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, GULF CONFERENCE, 1923**  
**LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT**

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	Sunday Schools										
	Officers & Teachers	Scholars of all Grades not including Home Dept. or Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Dept.	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollments in all Departments	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers & Teachers who are Church or Prep. Members	Scholars, inc. Home Dept. who are Church or Prep. Members	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	Paid by S. S. to Cen- tenary & Appointed Benevolences	S. S. Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Auburn and Oak Grove.....	1	65	.....	.....	70	35	5	60	.....	5	7
Bayou Gene.....	1	100	.....	.....	110	47	10	100	.....	25	30
Basile, Elton, Raymond.....	3	25	153	20	282	155	25	25	6	42	180
DeQuincy.....	1	14	152	.....	210	75	14	75	18	35	150
Ebenezer.....	1	16	65	5	70	30	16	16	.....	93	18
Gloster.....	1	66	.....	.....	71	20	5	50	.....	.....	18
Iowa.....	1	51	84	14	115	50	12	40	13	80	90
Jennings.....	1	20	130	15	175	73	10	101	4	91	132
Kindergarten.....	1	11	110	23	141	65	11	100	15	13	146
Lake Charles.....	1	36	200	82	361	165	100	130	8	191	180
Loranger.....	1	19	93	13	206	100	32	130	.....	.....	188
Lutcher.....	1	14	50	15	87	39	10	35	.....	39	138
New Orleans: Italian.....	1	12	115	.....	152	35	7	.....	.....	62	56
.....	1	12	115	25	152	100	12	.....	7	17	61
.....	1	8	39	.....	45	35	6	15	.....	30	20
.....	1	8	83	.....	91	50	8	40	8	19	54
.....	1	13	93	.....	106	53	12	65	.....	163	46
.....	2	36	259	19	329	205	35	205	25	.....	452
.....	1	36	259	15	329	205	35	205	25	.....	452
Total.....	20	267	1807	135	2489	1177	239	1006	107	901	1869



**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, GULF CONFERENCE, 1923**  
**SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT**

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	S. S. Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.												
	Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars of all Grades not including Home Dept. or Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Dept.	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollments in all Departments	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers & Teachers who are Church or Prep. Members	Scholars, Inc. Home Dept. who are Church or Prep. Members	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	Paid by S. S. to Cen- tenary & Apportioned Benevolences	S. S. Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	
Alamo.....	1	7	25	.....	.....	32	20	6	11	4	17	60	
El Jardin and Rangerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	181	84	110	21	310	392	
Lyford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	338	181	14	38	13	.....	26	
Lufkin.....	1	35	303	.....	.....	70	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Rio Hondo.....	.....	1	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
San Antonio: Trinity.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
San Juan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Turner Tract.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	3	56	374	.....	10	480	236	54	159	38	327	478	



**TREASURER'S REPORT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1923**  
**HOUSTON DISTRICT**

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	Disciplinary Benevolences							Other Cash Items						
	Centenary and Appor- tioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Ed. Endow., Bldgs., Special Gifts for use within the Conference	Near East Relief	Board of S. S.	Total Benev. Ordered by Annual Conf.	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Claimants	General Conf. Expenses	Grand Total Inc. Disc. & An. Conf. Benev. & Other Cash Items
Alvin and Arcadia.....	82	12	11	20	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	5	15	4	205
Bethel and Deadwood.....	150	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	14	25	3	257
Houston: Collins Memorial.....	1345	17	254	.....	1616	.....	815	.....	23	280	70	168	.....	2157
Hughes Springs, Jefferson, Atlanta.....	148	.....	.....	.....	148	18	.....	.....	18	80	22	40	.....	308
La Porte.....	307	10	.....	.....	317	.....	.....	.....	.....	111	25	44	4	501
Murkin Circuit.....	8	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	31
Marshall.....	235	.....	.....	.....	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	27	48	4	434
Morgans Point.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4
Noonday and Wesley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
One City Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park Hill and Shelbyville.....	105	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	9	26	.....	150
Sabin Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	13	3	1	114
South Houston and Pearland.....	117	11	19	19	166	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	24	80	4	273
Texas City.....	124	.....	.....	.....	124	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	24	52	.....	305
Wynnsboro Circuit.....	78	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	22	40	.....	242
Woodville Circuit.....	78	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	67	140	12	2336
Port Arthur.....	1550	40	47	96	1733	.....	34	.....	34	350	67	140	12	2336
Total .....	4455	90	331	135	5011	18	42	15	75	1430	311	653	36	7516



**TREASURER'S REPORT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1923**  
**LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT**

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	Disciplinary Benevolences					Other Cash Items								
	Centenary and Appor- tioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Ed. Endow. Bldgs., Special Gifts for use within the Conference	Near East Relief	Deaconess	Total Benev. Ordered by Annual Conf.	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conf. Claimants	General Conf. Expenses	Grand Total Inc. Disc. & An. Conf. Benev. & Other Cash Items
Auburn and Oak Grove.....	33	30	30	30	33	30	30	30	30	25	4	10	10	63
Bayou Chene.....	30	2	30	30	32	30	30	30	25	130	26	25	10	351
Basile.....	320	2	200	200	200	200	200	200	130	55	10	65	65	241
BeQuincey.....	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	25	61	13	30	30	191
Benezet.....	62	57	57	57	62	25	25	25	25	72	10	20	6	181
Elton.....	57	10	10	10	57	25	25	25	25	80	20	42	42	322
Gloster.....	185	6	348	348	195	100	100	100	100	126	18	42	42	628
Iowa.....	342	6	348	348	300	100	100	100	100	80	20	42	42	440
Jennings.....	300	17	45	45	300	15	25	25	15	300	67	135	5	2131
Kinders.....	1547	12	15	15	1609	12	12	12	12	48	10	25	25	378
Lake Charles.....	256	12	15	15	253	12	12	12	12	120	10	30	30	304
Loranger.....	144	4	144	144	64	40	40	40	40	80	10	30	30	104
Lutcher.....	60	4	60	60	64	40	40	40	40	80	10	30	30	70
New Orleans: First Italian.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	80	10	30	30	150
Quitman.....	148	40	40	40	148	40	40	40	40	80	10	35	35	167
Raymond.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	80	10	25	25	233
Shamrock and Weaver.....	40	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	40	50	10	2	2	67
Sweet Lake.....	148	18	46	46	148	44	44	44	10	20	1	60	60	2562
Gueydon.....	44	18	46	46	44	44	44	44	10	270	60	135	135	2562
Welsh.....	2023	18	46	46	2087	44	44	44	10	270	60	135	135	2562
Total .....	6135	69	106	106	6310	165	12	10	187	1535	282	649	5	8068



TREASURER'S REPORT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1923  
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	Disciplinary Benevolences					Other Cash Items				
	Centenary and Appor- tioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conf. Claimants	General Conf. Expenses	Grand Total Inc. Disca. & An. Conf. Benev. & Other Cash Items
Lyford.....	107	6	.....	.....	113	28	8	14	8	166
San Antonio: Army Post.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Antonio: Trinity.....	1200	17	65	67	1349	280	63	140	.....	1882
Turner Tract.....	15	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Rio Hondo.....	20	3	.....	.....	23	10	2	5	.....	40
San Juan.....	25	.....	.....	.....	25	17	4	4	.....	54
El Jardin and Rangerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1367	26	65	67	1525	335	77	163	7	2107







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## HOUSTON DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Church Membership								Sunday Schools			Epw. Leag.		Church Property										
		Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Clnmts.		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers	Baptisms			Prep. Membs.		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Average Attend. of all Grades	Seniors	Juniors	Church Bldgs.	Estimated Value Land and Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Value Land and Bldgs.	Paid for Bldg. & Imp. on Church & Pars.	Paid on old Indbt.on Church & Parsonage	Present Indebtedness on Church & Pars.	Current Expenses
		Total Claim Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				Adults	Children	Children Rec'd. Inst. for Mem.	Rec'd. during year	Now on Roll	Now on Roll Excl. Non-Res. Membs.	Non-res. Membs.	Deaths during year														
Alvin and Arcadia.....	E. A. Powell.....	800	740	150	74	56	16	5	20	15	841	103	1	13	10	20	22	121	46	2	2	23	151	95	35	14	2	3500	1	2250	250	127	34	202	
Bethel and Deadwood.....	R. T. Pynes.....	700	650	100	60	55	14	14	25	25	744	55	2	29	4	34	3	270	6	1	1	17	168	144	39	20	1	2400	1	3000	85	127	70	70	
Collins Memorial.....	C. W. Rodgers.....	2809	2800	300	280	280	70	70	168	168	3318	.....	2	14	1	3	38	477	81	2	2	42	590	260	58	20	1	15000	1	4500	600	581	965	1015	
Hughes Springs and Wynnsboro.....	J. M. Kenna.....	1000	1000	75	100	80	22	20	40	40	1140	42	1	4	2	4	335	25	133	16	.....	3	23	245	150	60	25	7	8000	2	2500	150	.....	.....	150
La Porte.....	W. C. Mann.....	1100	913	150	111	111	25	25	44	44	1093	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	156	.....	.....	.....	3	24	179	87	30	1	2400	1	1800	400	.....	.....	153	
Lufkin Circuit.....	D. M. Rice.....	300	249	.....	25	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	273	52	3	9	7	7	7	156	.....	.....	.....	1	26	175	105	.....	3	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	
Marshall.....	C. A. Perkins.....	1500	1500	300	120	120	27	27	48	48	1695	.....	2	6	1	13	25	200	.....	.....	.....	1	16	165	73	40	1	15000	1	3000	.....	133	400	253	
Morgans Point.....	W. C. Mann.....	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	67	40	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	
Noonday and Wesley.....	J. M. Black.....	920	462	120	92	46	20	10	36	18	536	532	3	11	2	10	4	205	.....	.....	.....	1	12	100	75	.....	2	2000	1	1500	.....	75	.....	50	
Ore City Circuit.....	J. M. Baker.....	100	100	.....	10	10	2	2	4	4	116	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	1	10	100	50	.....	5	1500	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	
Polk Circuit.....	.....	470	147	100	47	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	343	179	47	2	2000	1	1000	.....	150	.....	.....	
Port Arthur.....	W. E. Blackstock.....	3500	3500	500	350	350	67	67	140	140	4057	.....	2	15	10	18	8	321	28	.....	.....	1	33	343	179	47	1	50000	1	7000	217	166	1484	1164	
Rock Hill and Shelbyville.....	C. H. LaGrone.....	498	491	100	.....	10	9	9	25	26	626	.....	1	16	9	.....	.....	150	75	3	.....	3	18	120	75	.....	2	5000	2	2000	35	.....	.....	60	
Sabine Circuit.....	S. H. Mathews.....	90	90	.....	9	9	1	1	3	3	102	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	12	12	200	23	.....	.....	12	112	90	.....	1	250	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	18	
South Houston and Pearland.....	Nye Litherland.....	600	529	.....	60	60	14	13	30	30	632	72	.....	7	.....	.....	12	.....	81	.....	.....	2	21	224	120	56	2	5000	1	1200	97	.....	.....	75	
Texas City.....	L. V. Maund.....	1050	1050	120	105	105	23	23	53	53	1231	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	128	2	1	1	10	150	110	40	9	1	2500	1	3000	136	.....	.....	278	
Woodville Circuit.....	A. M. Wynne.....	990	990	120	99	99	22	22	40	40	1151	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	87	46	.....	.....	1	4	36	24	.....	4	10000	1	2500	50	50	350	30	
Total .....	.....	16428	15299	2135	1542	1419	332	308	685	654	17787	1216	19	114	50	34	123	108	3066	343	11	29	298	2925	1677	305	117	38	129550	15	35250	2270	1132	3535	3562

\*9 Months

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Auburn and Oak Grove.....	W. C. Roberts.....	200	125	.....	30	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	155	.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	120	.....	.....	.....	1	5	70	35	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	
Bayou Chene.....	Mrs. Annie Fowler.....	240	240	.....	25	25	4	4	10	10	279	.....	1	.....	22	.....	22	100	.....	8	.....	1	10	100	47	.....	2	1400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	
Basile, Elton, Raymond.....	J. S. Denny.....	1300	1217	.....	60	62	13	13	30	30	1292	83	.....	1	2	.....	20	146	.....	1	3	25	262	155	77	30	3	6200	2	2600	721	.....	571	90	
DeQuincey.....	E. N. Hardin.....	1600	1600	300	130	130	26	26	65	65	1821	.....	.....	11	2	.....	15	160	2	2	1	14	210	75	25	.....	1	5000	1	3500	300	80	130	125	
Ebenezer.....	S. H. Yockey.....	900	638	100	80	55	20	10	36	24	727	173	.....	.....	10	.....	4	107	.....	.....	.....	1	16	70	30	20	2	2500	1	1600	75	.....	.....	50	
Gloster.....	D. H. Cassells.....	150	125	.....	12	12	3	3	6	6	146	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	30	.....	.....	.....	1	5	71	20	.....	1	2000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	12	
Iowa.....	Bruce B. Corbin.....	600	600	.....	72	72	10	10	20	20	702	.....	.....	13	2	.....	19	56	.....	1	1	17	115	80	18	.....	1	7000	1	1200	100	.....	.....	40	
Jennings.....	F. J. Ensign.....	1500	1500	300	120	120	18	18	42	42	1680	.....	1	.....	6	4	3	155	17	5	1	20	175	73	25	30	1	8000	1	3500	512	.....	.....	280	
Kinder.....	W. T. Stokes.....	720	920	120	60	80	15	20	30	40	1260	.....	.....	3	7	20	13	122	2	.....	1	11	161	65	24	15	1	4000	1	2500	.....	108	.....	92	
Lake Charles.....	Bruce B. Corbin.....	3000	3000	300	300	300	67	67	135	135	3502	.....	.....	1	3	13	8	156	6	1	.....	1	36	306	100	30	28	1	14500	1	5000	5500	1000	6500	442
Loranger.....	J. L. Irvin.....	504	546	120	62	48	10	9	28	25	629	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	45	.....	.....	.....	1	19	129	59	21	.....	1	8000	.....	25	.....	.....	49	
Lutcher.....	R. G. Swanson.....	1300	1300	100	120	120	10	10	30	30	1460	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	46	15	.....	.....	1	14	87	35	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	
New Orleans: First Italian.....	A. Palmisano.....	1440	1440	240	40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1480	.....	3	10	7	.....	10	58	.....	1	1	12	152	60	40	.....	1	25000	1	5000	405	.....	450	145	
Quitman.....	S. P. Gaskins.....	300	200	.....	30	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	1	6	45	35	.....	2	3950	.....	.....	379	150	25		
Shamrock and Weaver.....	S. P. Gaskins.....	820	820	120	82	82	10	10	35	35	947	.....	3	11	5	19	13	147	.....	.....	.....	1	8	91	50	15	10	3	5600	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	80
Sweet Lake, Gueydon, Cameron.....	W. B. Hebert.....	700	700	.....	70	70	15	11	35	27	808	12	.....	4	13	.....	.....	86	.....	.....	.....	2	13	106	53	.....	1	1500	1	600	.....	.....	.....	20	
Welsh.....	R. L. Weldon.....	2700	2700	300	270	270	60	60	135	135	3165	.....	.....	27	2	7	27	13	240	22	23	1	36	329	205	50	25	1	10000	1	7500	461	.....	.....	1921
Total.....	.....	17974	17671	2000	1563	1546	281	271	637	624	20283	311	11	84	78	65	136	104	1911	64	27	20	267	2479	1177	345	138	24	107650	13	37500	8099	1567	7801	3485

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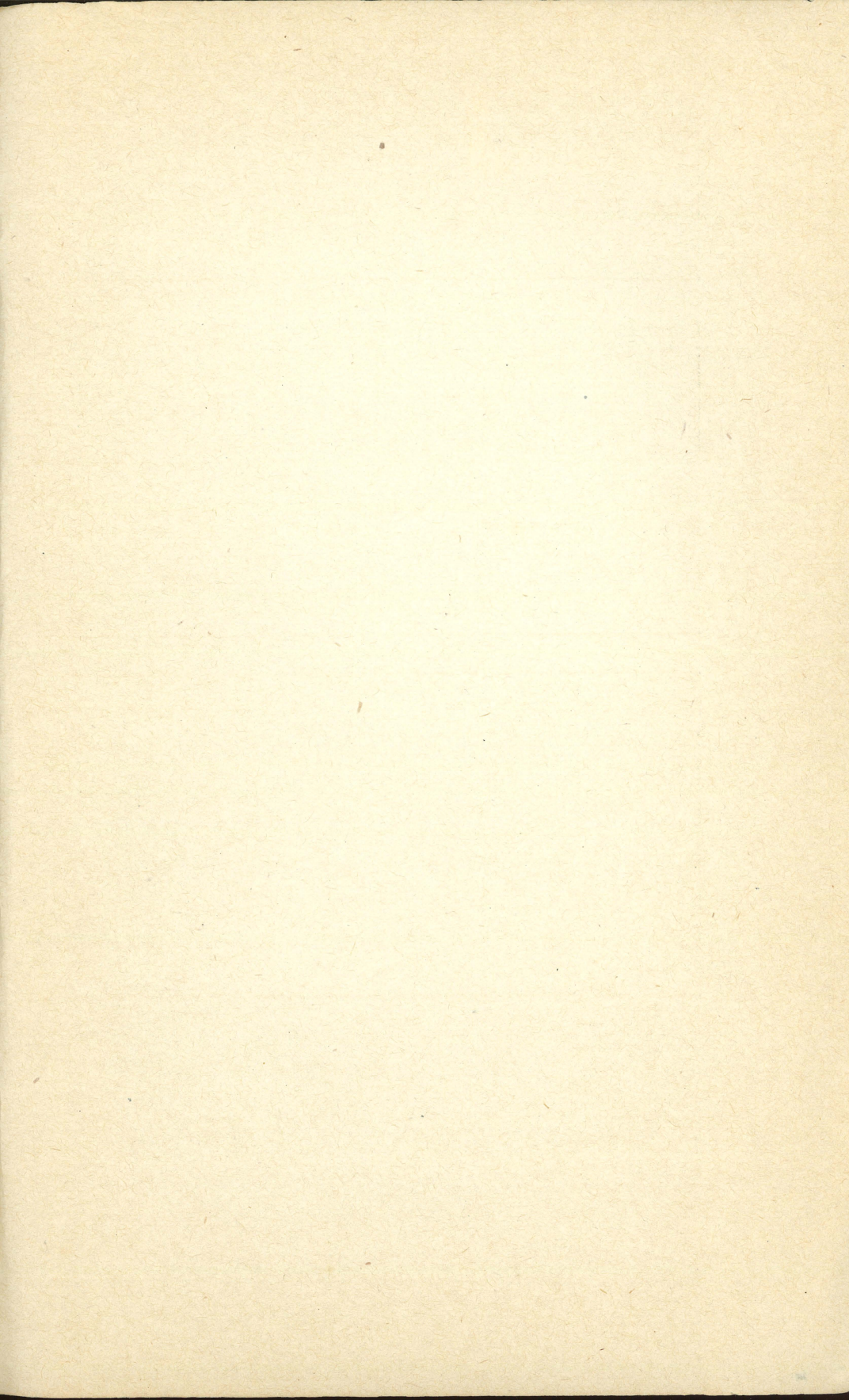
## SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support												Church Membership						Sunday Schools			Epw. Leag.		Church Property										
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Alamo.....	H. H. E. Pohl.....	100	100	300	10	17	4	4	4	4	125				2	2		44	15																
El Jardin and Rangerville.....	L. E. Gower.....	990	535	300	60	28	14	8	30	14	585	419						37			1	7	32	29		1	1500	1	3500	350	180	720	55		
Lyford.....	C. M. Hollett.....									15																									
Rio Hondo.....	C. M. Hollett.....									15																									
San Antonio: Trinity.....	H. C. Leonard.....	2800	2800	600	280	280	63	63	140	140	3283		1	15		24	15	258			3	1	35	338	181	16	20	1	91900	1	5550		1000	20500	2580
San Juan.....	S. J. Manning.....		400	300		10		2		5	417				13	10	31				1	14	70	35	25		1	5000	1	3000					
Turner Tract.....																																			
San Antonio: Army Post.....	H. C. Leonard.....																										1	5000	1	3000					
Total .....	.....	3800	3835	1200	350	335	81	77	174	178	4410	419	1	15	15	2	39	25	370	15	3	3	56	440	236	41	20	4	101900	3	12050	4013	1180	21220	2635

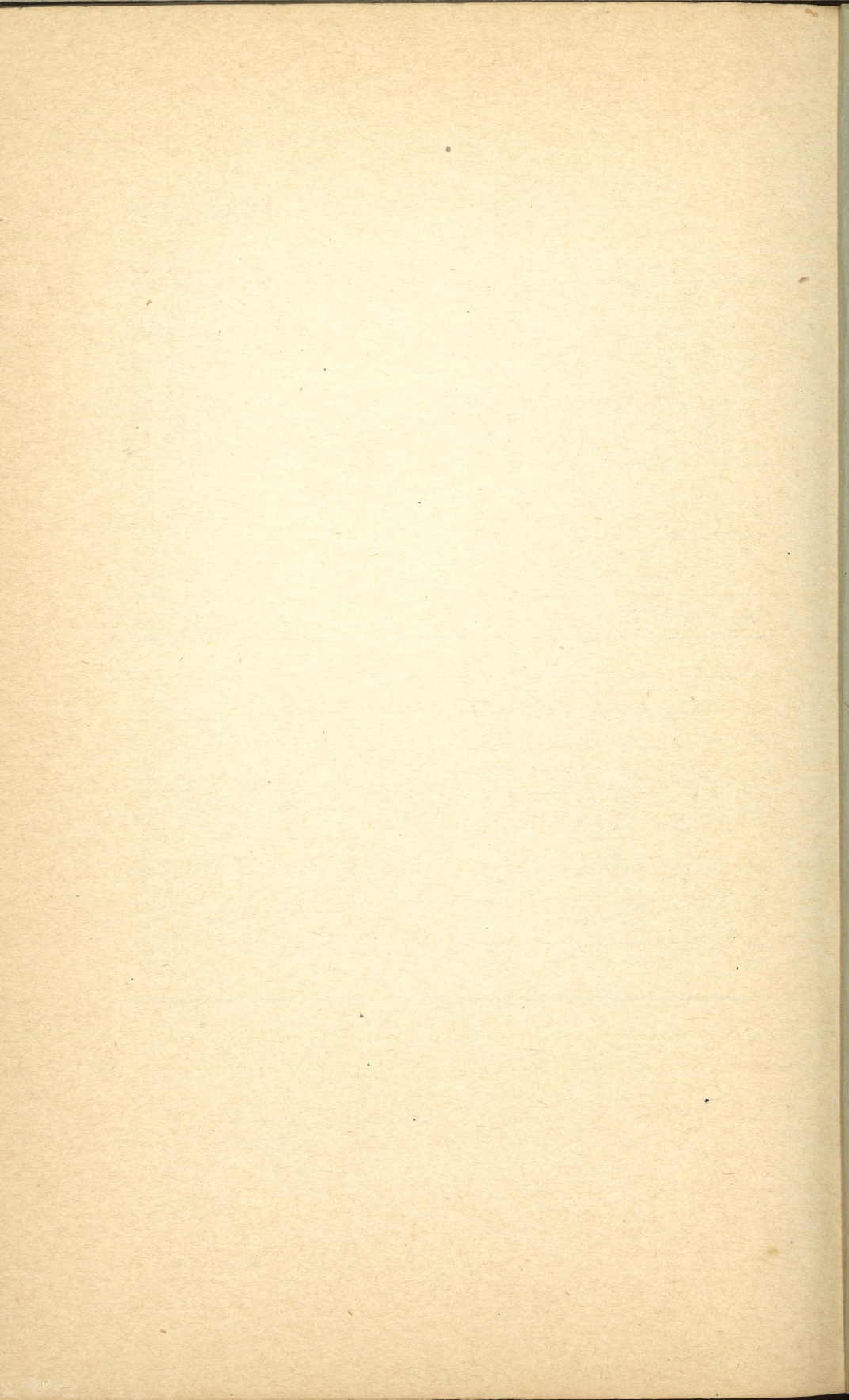
## RECAPITULATION

HOUSTON C. R. Robinson, Dist. Supt.....		16428	15299	2135	1542	1419	332	308	685	654	17787	1216	19	114	50	34	123	108	3065	343	11	29	298	2925	1677	305	117	38	129550	15	35250	2270	1132	3535	3562
LAKE CHARLES H. K. Faulk, Dist. Supt.....		17974	17671	2000	1563	1546	281	271	637	624	20283	311	11	84	78	65	136	104	1911	64	27	20	267	2479	1177	345	138	24	107650	13	37500	8099	1567	7801	3485
SAN ANTONIO L. E. Gower, Dist. Supt.....		3800	3835	1200	350	335	81	77	174	178	4410	419	1	15	15	2	39	25	370	15	....	3	56	440	236	41	20	4	101900	3	12050	4013	1180	21220	2635
Conference Totals for 1923.....		38202	36805	5335	3455	3300	694	656	1496	1456	42480	1946	31	213	143	101	298	237	5346	422	38	52	511	5844	3080	691	275	66	339100	31	84800	14382	3879	32556	9682
Conference Totals for 1922.....		36288	36744	6083	3573	3301	655	583	1468	1332	41209	3078	35	252	198	119	339	192	5039	434	25	57	611	5680	3046	789	307	66	319650	31	81400	6235	7385	29171	7731
	Increase .....	1914	61	.....	.....	.....	39	73	28	124	1271	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	307	.....	13	.....	.....	164	34	.....	.....	.....	19450	.....	3400	8147	.....	3385	1951
	Decrease .....	.....	.....	748	118	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1132	.....	4	39	45	18	41	.....	.....	12	.....	5	100	.....	.....	98	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	3506	.....	.....	
1922—FOR COMPARISON																																			
Houston.....		15545	15662	2423	1690	1443	324	283	713	627	17890	2197	20	138	110	67	189	102	2999	260	12	33	301	3089	1728	397	142	40	117650	15	35300	3488	509	4179	3908
	Increase .....	883	.....	.....	.....	8	27	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	66	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11900	.....	.....	623	.....	.....	
	Decrease .....	.....	363	288	148	24	.....	.....	38	.....	103	983	1	24	60	33	66	.....	.....	.....	1	4	3	164	51	92	25	2	.....	50	218	.....	644	346	
Lake Charles.....		16743	17382	2460	1513	1518	247	224	570	535	19013	528	14	99	82	42	98	74	1700	124	10	21	251	2200	1080	330	165	23	104100	13	34050	2297	876	2592	3298
	Increase .....	1231	289	.....	50	28	34	47	67	89	1270	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	38	30	211	.....	17	.....	16	279	97	15	.....	1	3550	.....	3450	5802	691	5209	187
	Decrease .....	.....	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	217	3	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
San Antonio.....		4000	3700	1200	370	340	84	76	185	170	4306	353	1	9	6	10	52	16	340	50	3	3	59	391	238	62	.....	3	97900	3	12050	450	6000	22400	525
	Increase .....	.....	135	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	8	114	66	.....	6	9	.....	.....	9	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	20	1	.....	4000	.....	3563	5800	.....	2090	
	Decrease .....	200	.....	.....	20	5	3	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	13	.....	.....	35	3	.....	3	.....	.....	2	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	780	.....		











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